

REMARKS

This paper is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination, and is further to the Advisory Action mailed July 21, 2006. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of this application and consideration and entry of this paper are respectfully requested in view of the herein remarks and accompanying information, which place the application in condition for allowance.

Examiner Whiteman is thanked for the many courtesies extended during the interview of September 26, 2006.

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 28-46 are now pending. Claims 4, 6, 7, 10-14, 16, 19-22, 24 and 25 have been canceled, and claims 28-46 have been added without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents. Support for the claim amendments is found throughout the specification as filed. Support for claim 28, for example, is found on page 28, lines 12-22, and in Example 3. Claim 29 is supported, for example, on page 28, lines 2-7. Claim 30 is supported, for example, on page 29, lines 1-6, and in Examples 2 and 3. Claim 31 is supported, for example, on page 25, lines 14-23, and in Example 3. Claim 32 is supported, for example, on page 7, lines 10-13; on page 25, lines 7-10; and in Example 3. Claim 33 is supported, for example, on page 7, lines 14-17; and on page 25, lines 7-13. Claim 34 is supported, for example, on page 28, lines 23-25, and in Examples 2 and 3. Claim 35 is supported, for example, on page 16, lines 14-16. Claim 36 is supported, for example, on page 7, lines 18 and 19; on page 16, lines 17-20; and in Examples 2 and 3. Claim 37 is supported, for example, on page 24, lines 16-21, and in Examples 3 and 4. Claim 38 is supported, for example, on page 15, line 13 - page 16, line 9, and in Examples 3 and 4. Claim 39 is supported, for example, on page 15, lines 15 and 16, and in Examples 3 and 4. Claim 40 is supported, for example, on page 9, lines 2 and 3; on page 33, lines 10-15; and in Example 3. Claim 41 is supported, for example, on page 8, lines 7 and 8, and in Example 4. Claim 42 is supported, for example, on page 40, line 25 - page 41, line 3, and in Example 4. Claim 43 is supported, for example, on page 17, lines 6 and 7, and in Example 4. Finally, claims 44-46 are supported, for example, on page 8, lines 7-8, and in Example 4.

No new matter is added

It is submitted that these claims are and were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. In addition, the amendment and remarks herein are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112; but rather the amendments and remarks herein are made simply to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

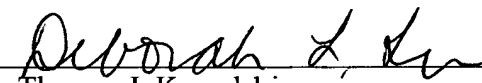
Applicants verily believe that the new claims place the application in better condition for examination and allowance. Accordingly, an early and favorable examination on the merits, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance, are respectfully requested. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended herein and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or an interview at a very early date with a view to placing the application in condition for allowance, are earnestly solicited. The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date.

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